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SUBJECT: SOMALI ENVOY REQUESTS MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: A) BRUSSELS 5442, B) BRUSSELS 4290

1. SUMMARY: SOMALI AMBASSADOR ASKS U.S. AND OTHER
WESTERN NATIONS FOR PROMPT DELIVERY OF MILITARY SUPPLIES
AND EQUIPMENT IN THE FACE OF ETHIOPIAN THREAT. END
SUMMARY.

2. DURING AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL COURTESY CALL, JULY 25,
SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND EC MOHAMMED OMAR GIAMA
SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO STRESS
URGENCY OF SOMALI APPEAL TO U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN
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COUNTRIES FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. CITING
CURRENT THREAT OF ETHIOPIA TO SOMALI SECURITY, HE WARNED
THAT SOMALIA MIGHT FIND ITSELF IN A "DESPERATE SITUATION"
IF ASSISTANCE WERE NOT FORTHCOMING. HE SAID THAT
SAUDI ARABIANS WERE PROVIDING EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT TO HIS COUNTRY AND THAT THIS SUPPORT WAS AVAILABLE
TO HELP PAY FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES AND MATERIEL. THE

AMBASSADOR TOLD GIAMA THAT SHE WOULD FULLY REPORT
HIS REQUEST.

3. GIAMA CHARACTERIZED SOMALI POLICY AS THE SEARCH
FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. HE SUMMARIZED THE
HISTORICAL PROCESS OF THE 1960S AND 1970S, CONCLUDING
WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT SOMALIA'S INDEPENDENCE HAD
BEEN INHIBITED BY A TOO-CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
SOVIET UNION. HE STRESSED THAT SOMALIS WERE MOSLEMS
WITH CLOSE TIES WITH THE ARAB COMMUNITY AND THAT THEREFORE
THEY COULD NEITHER BECOME COMMUNISTS NOR ACCEPT SOVIET
DOMINATION OF THEIR COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT SOMALIA
WOULD NOT ABRUPTLY "THROW OUT" THE SOVIETS NOW BUT
WOULD BE REDUCING THEIR INFLUENCE AND PRESENCE IN AN
ORDERLY FASHION. HE CITED "REPORTS" OF THE DEPARTURE
OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS AND
TECHNICIANS FROM SOMALIA.

4. GIAMA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR
THE WEST TO STAND OFF AND TAKE NO PART IN THE ERITREAN
FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM ETHIOPIA. HE ASSERTED
THAT WESTERN INTERESTS AND PEACE IN AFRICA WOULD
BOTH BE BEST SERVED BY OUR SUPPORT OF THE ERITREANS.
HE SAID IT WAS A "FALSE HOPE" FOR THE WEST TO SIT BACK
AND EXPECT THE PRESENT LEFTIST REGIME IN ETHIOPIA
TO CHANGE, WARNING THAT THE SOVIETS, WHO WERE WELL
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ENTRENCHED IN ETHIOPIA, WOULD NOT EASILY BE DISLOGED.
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